

course of the representation of Native American tribes.

Both the Government and the defense are seeking trial testimony and documents from committee staff who assisted in the conduct of the Committee's investigation. The chairman and vice chairman of the committee would like to assist by providing necessary evidence in this trial, consistent with any rulings of the Court. Accordingly, this resolution would authorize committee staff, where appropriate, to testify and to produce documents in this case with representation by the Senate Legal Counsel.

**S. RES. 375 (PASSED THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 16)**

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, S. Res. 375 concerns a request for testimony and representation in related criminal trespass actions in Concord District Court in the State of New Hampshire. In these actions, eight defendants have been charged with criminally trespassing on the premises of Senator JUDD GREGG's Concord, NH, office on December 5, 2005, for refusing repeated requests to leave Senator GREGG's office at the end of the business day in order to allow the office to close. Trials on the charge of trespass are scheduled to commence on or about March 1, 2006. The State has subpoenaed a member of the Senator's staff who witnessed the defendants' conduct. The enclosed resolution would authorize that staff member, and any other employees of Senator GREGG's office from whom evidence may be required, to testify in connection with these actions.

**S. RES. 376 (PASSED THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 16)**

Mr. REID. Mr. President pursuant to Senate Resolution 213, 109th Congress, the Senate authorized the Senate legal counsel to represent Senators JOHN MCCAIN and JON KYL in a pro se civil action in which the plaintiff complained that the Senator defendants violated their duties under the common law and the Federal Criminal Code by failing to investigate or prosecute the alleged commission of 1.6 million crimes. After the Senate legal counsel moved to dismiss the action, the plaintiff sought to amend the complaint to name 29 additional defendants, including Senators BILL FRIST, JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN, MITCH MCCONNELL, RICK SANTORUM, and TED STEVENS, as well as 14 judges and 10 executive branch officials.

In a January 13, 2006, Memorandum Opinion and Order, the district court accepted the amended complaint for filing and dismissed it. The court held that plaintiff's criminal claims failed on the merits and that plaintiff's civil claims were barred under the Federal Tort Claims Act for plaintiff's failure to exhaust his administrative remedies under the act. The court also prohib-

ited the plaintiff from filing in that court any further claim arising out of the subject matter of the case against any of the 31 defendants.

Plaintiff appealed the dismissal of his case. Accordingly, this resolution would authorize the Senate legal counsel to represent the five additionally named Senator defendants on appeal in defending the dismissal of the amended complaint against all of the Senator defendants.

LAURA DALE DUFFIELD

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I rise today to announce to the Senate the arrival in this world of Laura Dale Duffield. Miss Duffield was born to her parents Cara and Steven this last Friday, and is reported to weigh over 7 pounds. Her father, Steven, is the Judiciary Policy Analyst and Counsel for the Republican Policy Committee, which I chair.

I would like to take a moment to note for posterity some of the events taking place in the world at the time that young Laura joins us. Most important among the matters recently before the Senate, I think, is the confirmation several weeks ago of the nomination of Samuel Alito to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. In the fall of last year, the Senate also confirmed the nomination of John Roberts to be the Chief Justice of the United States. Steven played an important role in both confirmations, supplying Republican Senators with information and draft speeches about the nominees, and even staffing me on the Judiciary Committee during the nominees' hearings. This is the first time that there has been a change in the membership of the Supreme Court since 1994—before Laura's parents even began law school. Chief Justice Roberts replaces Chief Justice Rehnquist, who originally had been appointed to the Court in 1971, in between the time that Laura's parents were born. Justice Alito replaces Justice O'Connor, who had been appointed to the Court when Laura's parents still were in grade school.

In the years to come, we of course will have many opportunities to evaluate these two new Justices and their impact on the law. At the present time, based on what I saw of these nominees at their hearings before the Judiciary Committee, I think that they give us reason to be hopeful about the future. I think that we can reasonably expect both nominees to usher in a new era of the rule of law in this country—to restore the Supreme Court to its intended role, of declaring what the Constitution means in light of how it was reasonably understood when it was enacted. For many years now, Americans often have felt powerless at the hands of a Court that has pursued its own political agenda—an agenda without a basis in the text, structure, or history of the Constitution. I am optimistic that in the years to come, the Supreme Court might play a less prominent role

in American life, and might allow the American people and their elected representatives a more prominent role in making the laws that govern them.

This year also marks the 5th year since the terrorist attacks on the Trade Center in New York and on the Pentagon. Those attacks still set much of the national agenda, from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to the legislation that we are considering in the Senate. On the day that Laura was born, last Friday, the headline in the Washington Post was, "Patriot Act Compromise Clears Way for Senate Vote." I will include this news story in the RECORD following my remarks. Last December, the PATRIOT Act—an important antiterrorism law that enhances investigators ability to detect and disrupt terrorist plots—was held up in a legislative filibuster. Occasionally, the Senate takes to heart its intended role as a brake on legislative action and throws one of its periodic tantrums. But fortunately, just in advance of Laura's arrival, the impasse over this indispensable law has been cleared.

Finally, this moment in time also is marked in this place by legislative action on a slew of reforms to our civil justice and bankruptcy laws; an attempt to reform our immigration system and control our border; and an attempt to reverse the verdict of the Civil War by authorizing Native Hawaiians to secede from their State. Mention of these projects, however, serves only to highlight their insignificance relative to the arrival of a new child in the world. I doubt that Steven even will remember the laborious policy papers that he produced on all of these topics as he watches Laura grow older.

I congratulate Steven and Cara on the arrival of their daughter—on the fact that there is now one more person in the world whom we will all call "Duffield"—and I wish them good fortune in caring for and cultivating their new charge.

I ask unanimous consent that the following Washington Post news story be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From washingtonpost.com, Feb. 10, 2006]
**PATRIOT ACT COMPROMISE CLEARS WAY FOR
SENATE VOTE**
(By Charles Babington)

Efforts to extend the USA Patriot Act cleared a major hurdle yesterday when the White House and key senators agreed to revisions that are virtually certain to secure Senate passage and likely to win House approval, congressional leaders said.

The law—passed in the wake of the 2001 terrorist attacks and scheduled to lapse in key areas last year—makes it easier for federal agents to secretly tap phones, obtain library and bank records, and search the homes of suspected terrorists. Several Democrats said the compromise announced yesterday lacks important civil liberties safeguards, and even the Republican negotiators said they had to yield to the administration on several points.